IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously presented) A portable data communications device, comprising

a receiver that includes a tuner that is selectively tunable to receive a selected one of a plurality of software applications being simultaneously broadcasted by a broadcast system over a plurality of channels that are selectively in communication with a return channel from the broadcast system;

a user-interface that enables a user to select one of the broadcasted software applications from a menu for downloading;

a processor for executing the downloaded software application; and

a modem for establishing a two-way communications link with a network control system, said two-way communications link being separate from the broadcast system, wherein the two-way communications link includes a forward channel over which the portable data communications device can transmit client data to the network control system, and the return channel over which the network control system can transmit data to the portable communications device selected from a plurality of channels;

wherein said two-way communications link is adapted to retransmit predetermined portions of lost/corrupted software application data that have been broadcast by said network control system, with a request for retransmission of missing/corrupted data is transmitted over the forward channel and retransmission of the missing/corrupted data is transmitted over the return channel.

22. (Original) The portable data communications device as set forth in Claim 21,

further comprising a control program executed by the processor for controlling the tuner.

23. (Canceled).

24.   (Original) The portable data communications device as set forth in Claim 21,

wherein the broadcast system is a satellite direct broadcast system.

25. (Previously presented) The portable data communications device as set forth in

Claim 21, wherein the modem is a wireless modem.

26. (Original) The portable data communications device as set forth in Claim 25,

wherein the broadcast system is a satellite direct broadcast system.

27. (Previously presented) The portable communications device as set forth in

Claim 21, wherein the system data includes instructions for supervising the downloading

of software applications.

28.   (Currently amended) The portable data communications device as set forth in

Claim [[23]] 21,

wherein the client data includes requests for unrecoverable software application

data and the system data includes unrecoverable software application data.

29. (Previously presented) The portable data communications device as set forth in Claim 21, wherein the client data includes client software request data, and the system data includes download control data issued in response to the client software downloads request data.

30. (Original) The portable data communications device as set forth in Claim 21, wherein:

the broadcast system broadcasts the software applications over different channels each occupying a different respective frequency band; and,

the tuner is selectively tunable to any selected one of the plurality of different frequency bands in order to receive the selected one of the software applications broadcasted by the broadcast system.

31. (Previously presented) A method of doing business comprising:

storing software applications on a server system;

broadcasting the software applications to a multiplicity of independent portable clients that each include a receiver having as tuner that is selectively tunable to receive a selected one of the plurality of software applications being simultaneously broadcasted by the broadcast system over a return channel from the broadcast system; and

charging a user of the portable clients a fee for receiving a selected one of the software applications, wherein the fee is selected from the group consisting of time-of-usage basis, a subscription basis, a per applications downloaded basis or a per transaction basis; and

wherein the server system receives a request for broadcasting the software

applications by the portable clients over communication channels separate from the

broadcast system; and

wherein requests for retransmission of missing/corrupted software application data

is made by at least of the portable clients over the communication channels separate

from the broadcast system, and a retransmission of the missing/corrupted software

application data is made over the communication channels separate from the broadcast

system.

32. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 31, wherein said

communication channels separate from broadcast system from which the server receives

a request from at least one of the portable clients comprises forward and return channels

via a PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network and CTN (Cellular Telephone

Network).

33. (Previously presented) The portable data communications device according to

claim 21, wherein said two-way communications link is adapted to retransmit

predetermined portions of lost/corrupted software application data that have been

broadcast by said network control system, with a request for retransmission of

missing/corrupted data is transmitted over the forward channel and retransmission of the

missing/corrupted data is transmitted over the return channel without retransmission of

missing/corrupted data by the broadcast system.